IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 6-16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is related to similar subject matter as co- pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. [[_____]] ~~(Attorney Docket No. RSW9-2000-0101)~~ 09/655,196, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR E-BUSINESS SERVICE BROKERAGE", filed [[_____]] September 5, 2000[[,]]; [[_____]] ~~(Attorney Docket No. RSW9-2000-103)~~ 09/753,964, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR VERIFYING CATEGORIZATION OF SERVICES USING CANONICAL SERVICE DESCRIPTION TESTS", filed on even date herewith[[,]]; and [[_____]] ~~(Attorney Docket No. RSW9-2000-104)~~ 09/753,701, entitled "SERVICE TAXONOMY CRAWLER APPARATUS AND METHOD", filed on even date herewith, each of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 10-21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Known e-business services collaborate without any overarching vision or architecture. Techniques for B2B collaboration vary from one case to another. As the number and type of e-business services grows, the ability of an e-business consumer to locate and contact a provider of an e-business service will become increasingly difficult. Today, there is no vendor neutral ~~architectural~~ architectural mechanism for classifying e-business services such that an e-business service consumer can locate and contact a provider of a desired e-business service. Thus, it would be beneficial to have an apparatus and method for classifying services in such a manner as to make them searchable and usable at run-time.

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 12-24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An operating system runs on processor **302** and is used to coordinate and provide control of various components within data processing system **300** in **Figure 3**. The operating system may be a commercially available operating system, such as Linux, which is available from International Business Machines Corporation. An object oriented programming system, such as [[Java]] <u>JAVA</u> (a trademark of Sun Corporation), may run in conjunction with the operating system, providing calls to the operating system from Java programs or applications executing on data processing system **300**. Instructions for the operating system, the object-oriented operating system, and applications or programs are located on a storage device, such as hard disk drive **326**, and may be loaded into main memory **304** for execution by processor **302**.